

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 8, line 8, with the following:

Preferably, two-dimensional binary information symbol 280a is a Vericode® or VS Code™ (also known as “VeriSecure”™ Code) symbol, each of which are commercially available from Veritec, Inc. of Golden Valley, Minnesota, a ~~parent company~~ of the assignee of the present invention.